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- **Twelve NIMZs granted in-principle approval, 8 on DMIC alone**

The Lok Sabha was informed that the government has so far given in-principal approval for setting up of 12 National Investment and Manufacturing Zones (NIMZs), mega industrial zones with world class supporting infrastructure.

"So far eight NIMZs have been announced along the Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor (DMIC) in the states of Gujarat, Maharashtra, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh" minister of state for commerce and industry D Purandeswari said in a written reply to Lok Sabha on 29 April.

"Four other NIMZs outside the DMIC have also been granted 'in-principle' approval - two in Andhra Pradesh and one each in Karnataka and Maharashtra," Purandeswari added.

Purandeswari said that the government has taken a number of steps to accelerate the manufacturing growth of the country. The measures taken recently include announcement of the National Manufacturing Policy (NMP) 2011 with objectives of increasing the share of manufacturing in GDP to 25 per cent and creating 100 million additional jobs over a decade.

The NMP envisages setting up of NIMZs, which are industrial townships, benchmarked to the best manufacturing hubs in the world.